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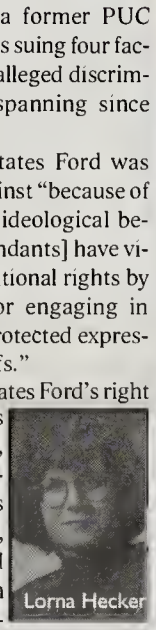
Former student sues faculty members

Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

Jeffrey Ford, a former PUC graduate student, is suing four faculty members for alleged discrimination charges spanning since 2003.

The lawsuit states Ford was discriminated against "because of his religious and ideological beliefs and [the defendants] have violated his constitutional rights by punishing him for engaging in constitutionally protected expression of those beliefs."

The suit also states Ford's right to free speech was allegedly violated, his right to practice religion was retaliated against, he was denied equal protection under laws and excluded as a complete member from PUC.


Lorna Hecker

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Michael Flannery

The suit was filed Aug. 17 against Michael Flannery, the department head for the behavioral sciences; Joseph Wetchler, professor and director of the marriage and family therapy program; Lorna Hecker, professor of the marriage and family therapy program; Terry Trepper, a former professor for marriage and family therapy program.

David French, senior counsel at Alliance Defense Fund, said Ford contacted him a couple months ago to pursue action after enduring harassment.

According to French, Ford allegedly suffered discrimination throughout his academic performance, beginning with the inter-

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Students, staff celebrate first student convocation

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Top: Students and faculty enjoy the music provided by the DJ near the back of the SUL.
Bottom: Faculty gather to hear a student and staff panel at the student convocation held Thursday.

Patricia Mathias
Chronicle Correspondent

At least 1,200 students attended PUC's first student convocation Thursday.

The convocation consisted of 36 student organizations and food vendors set-up between SUL and Gyte. Students were offered free hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, fudge puppies and shaved ice among many other foods.

Student organizations passed out information and answered questions. Campus organizations handed out pens, t-shirts, sports bottles and mini staplers.

Crowds of students gathered and began standing in line before the 11 a.m. start of the event. Hundreds of students pushed their way through Founders Plaza and the booth areas. The longest lines came from students waiting to receive free food.

Students who visited five booths received a free 1GB flash drive by obtaining a validation sticker from each visited booth. Around 800 students received flash drives Thursday as 34 students are waiting to receive their drives this week.

At 10:50 a.m. 43 faculty and 20 administrative staff members marched in a procession towards the west side of SUL for a panel discussion. The panel consisted of professors, graduate students and current students. Chancellor Cohen stressed the importance to students of continually replenishing their knowledge. He said by the time a college student graduates, 30 to 36 months after graduation, half of their knowledge will be already obsolete.

Melinda Dalgarn, vice chancellor of student affairs, organized this convocation, and has held her position at PUC for a year now. She said she felt PUC should have a student convocation to encourage students to feel apart of the PUC community. She announced to the students that she hopes the student convocation will become a fall ritual.

Korey Carroll, a freshman majoring in management, said she used to dislike school and would regularly sleep in class. He is involved in several campus organizations and works with student orientation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

*Learning **HOW** to learn is key to your education*

Welcome!

The start of a new academic year is an exciting, exhilarating time. It also is a time of personal reflection, uncertainty and a fair share of anxiety — and it isn't unusual if you experience ALL those emotions the very first week of classes.

No one said gaining a university education was a walk in the park. With assignments beginning to accumulate, growing demands being made on your time and healthy apprehensions about whether you have what it takes to persist to graduation, perhaps you are asking yourself, 'What have I gotten myself into at Purdue University Calumet?'

Why you are here

That expressed — all common, legitimate concerns university students deal with on a day to day basis — permit me to encourage you to focus on the essence of why you are here.

I am confident that as a Purdue Calumet student you will receive a high quality Purdue education — an education respected internationally. What will make your education beneficial is not so much what you learn, but **HOW** you learn.

Knowledge becoming obsolete

As I expressed at last week's Student Convocation, knowledge has been doubling about every decade since the 1970s, according to well-known futurist Alvin Toffler. By 2012, Toffler predicts, human knowledge will double every year. That implies half your knowledge will become obsolete in three years or less. Put another way, half or more of what you freshmen learn in class and labs this year will need to be refreshed and revised by your senior year!

Disconcerting? Not if you come to embrace the real value of a university education. While Purdue Calumet is prepared to help you grow in knowledge, the real value of your education lies in your ability to learn how to learn.

Replenishing your knowledge

Succeeding in your ability to learn how to learn in the face of accrued knowledge that rapidly is becoming obsolete positions you to replenish your knowledge constantly. Think about it. Do you believe that those who hold jobs in today's cutting edge, 21st century industries gained adequate knowledge from a college education they earned 25, 15, even five years ago to prepare them for the challenges they face day to day? Of course not.

What their education did provide them, however, is the ability and motivation to stay current. Ability and motivation are what Purdue Calumet is prepared to help you develop en route to your Purdue degree. Best wishes this academic year — and happy learning!

Sincerely,

Howard Cohen

Howard Cohen
CHANCELLOR

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Undergraduate Research Program

The Student Research Office is accepting applications for the Undergraduate Research Program. The program will fund up to $750 for research expenses for students who work on a project with a faculty member. For an application, go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/studentresearch.

Please e-mail the application to sro@calumet.purdue.edu by Sept. 14, 2007.

Turkey Run State Park

The Purdue Walking Club is sponsoring a trip to Turkey Run State Park in southern Indiana next weekend. The trip starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 and returns at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Several cabins are reserved for those who choose to attend. The cost is $125 due by Sept. 6.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Join the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Oct. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House, the Chancellor's residence, located one block from campus. Faculty member, Samuel Liles, will facilitate a discussion of the book "Wheels: A Story of Growing UP" by Doug Grosjean. Interested students may register in brary SULB 104-B (next to the game room). Books are free.

Thrilling Thursdays Kick-Off

Student Activities is holding the first weekly Thrilling Thursday karaoke night on Thursday, Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Calumet Falls Lounge. Come and sing or just sit back and enjoy some popcorn and entertainment. For more information, please contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or e-mail studentactivities@calumet.purdue.edu.

Riley Child Center

There is open enrollment for children ages three through six at the Charlotte R. Riley Child Center. The Child Center is located next to the fitness center on 173rd St. Please call 989-2343 to register.

Specialty Classes at the Fitness Center

The PUC Fitness Center is offering yoga, TaiChi and core conditioning classes this semester. Yoga classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. and noon. TaiChi classes are offered Monday and Wednesday at noon. Core conditioning classes are 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Each class lasts 10 weeks and costs $10 per class.

The Second City comedy theatre

Chicago's comedy theatre The Second City will appear at PUC on Friday, Sept. 14. The performance will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Light snacks will be served during a 15-minute intermission. Tickets are $15 and $20. Admission is open to the general public. For details, call the alumni office at 989-2308.

Music

Student Activities is sponsoring LAWNapalooza 2007 on Friday, Sept. 7. It will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the lawn between Gyte and Lawshe. Students are encouraged to bring picnic baskets and lawn chairs. Rare Groove will be performing.

New organization

Non-Traditional Student Organization is looking for students interested in becoming members. For more information about NoTSO, contact Kathy Prendergast at prendergast1@calumet.purdue.edu.

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Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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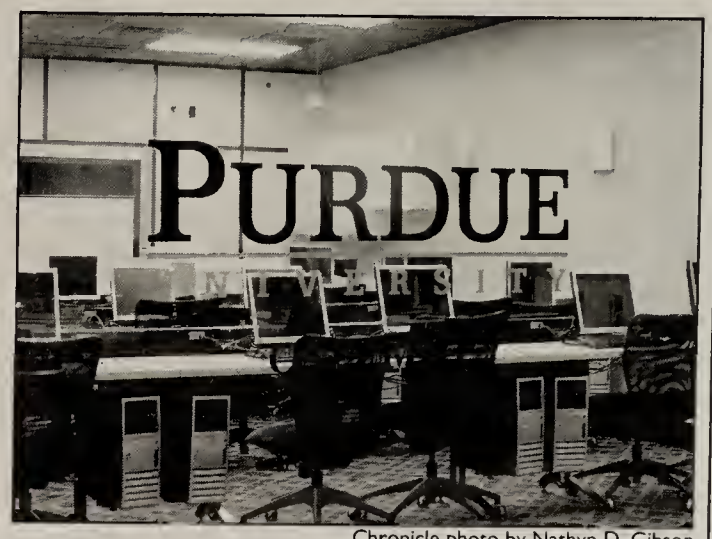

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Powers main lab now has four new classrooms.

Renovations in the Powers Main Lab left the area with 90 less open computers, but four new classrooms for CIT students.

Changes were made during the summer, and added much needed room for CIT students, said Matthew Borton, a technology specialist for the CIT department.

"[The move] is basically a matter of trading spaces," Borton said. "Our classrooms downstairs were too small."

Borton said the switch will help the CIT department move forward in its visualization, and set the stage for further development for that program.

The classrooms now sit where former Bays A and D were located, and can seat about 20-24 students per classroom.

About 50 PCs and more than 10 MACS relocated to the lower level of Gyte, now an area called the Gyte Learning Commons. New machines were also purchased for the Commons area. The Commons allow easy access to computers with a more casual-cafe setting compared to the main lab's atmosphere, Borton said.

The Commons separates into four areas, each built for different uses. One room – the Cyber Café – provides interactive space for 34 students, Vice Chancellor of Advancement Wes Lukoshus said. PCs set up on tabletops of individual booths provide more comfort during computer use.

The three other rooms include computing booths designed for group projects, another room equipped with special media software including scanners, and one traditional open computer lab set with 26 PCs.

The same programs are available in the Commons as they were in Bay A in the main lab, prior renovations.

The fewer amount of computers available in the Gyte Learning Commons is the only downside to the move, lab technician Lorenszo Herrera said.

"The visual aspect of the Commons are nice. The chill factor is definitely there," he said. "I like it a lot."

Lab technicians are finalizing set up with programs on some PCs, but the area is ready for student use.

Herrera said he's received few to no complaints about the switch.

"So far, there's been a good reaction," he said.

Student Dave Sudroff said he discovered the Commons two days after the semester started. He claims the multimedia area as his newfound study area.

"It's spacious. Quiet. Well-lit. The location is much better," said Sudroff, a senior majoring in Spanish international studies.

Other students stated otherwise.

"There's not enough room," said Brian William, a student majoring in biology. "It's always packed in here [the main lab].

"And it looks weird."

Lawsuit

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views given to applicants for the program.

Ford has been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since 1986. Ford alleges the defendants tried to convince him to quit his religious views and change them to fit the traditional student's beliefs over a length of time.

As a Mormon, Ford follows teachings like sexual abstinence until marriage and beliefs that homosexuality is sinful.

According to the lawsuit, the suit alleges the defendants felt Ford could not act as an unbiased professional because his religious stance opposed the practice the program followed.

The Student Handbook of Marriage and Family Therapy follows the "2004 American Psychological Association resolution of supporting same-sex marriage, and gay and lesbian parenthood."

French said Ford endured insult, retaliation and isolation because he did not agree with PUC's morality.

"People of faith who disagree with the university's point of view are treated like second-class citizens," French said.

French said heavy discrimination against Ford started after he wrote a letter to the editor at The Times regarding his stance on same-sex marriage. French said there was a series of meetings held regarding Ford's position as a graduate student and whether he should remain in the program. Ford was refused letters of recommendation - something necessary for getting into a doctoral program, French said.

French said Darwin West, a 1999 graduate of the program and a Mormon, came forward after hearing about Ford's case.

West also allegedly suffered discrimination for his religious beliefs while enrolled in the master's program for MFT at PUC. According to the lawsuit, West faced a situation where he sought further counsel on a client with a professor. The professor and West disagreed with the treatment of the case and his client was reassigned, as stated in the lawsuit.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Wes Lukoshus declined comment because the lawsuit is pending.

Flannery, Trepper, Wetchler and the law firm representing PUC were not available for comment.

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Testing out the 'big, comfy couch'

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Freshmen Nick Lamber and Ryan Rust have their picture taken on the giant red chair inflated at Calumet Falls Wednesday.

A place for non-traditional students

Kim Linman
Chronicle Correspondent

The Non-Traditional Student Organization, the first organization at PUC to specifically promote the educational success of non-traditional students, officially started in June.

A student is considered non-traditional if: they work an excess of 20 hours, attend college while raising a family, they haven't attended college in at least five years after high school and/or they are a military veteran.

Members plans to enrich the on-campus learning experiences of non-traditional undergraduate and graduate students by offering them educational and social support.

They also hope to give non-traditional students the resources they need to succeed at PUC and to pursue other future endeavors, said Kathy Prendergast, NoTSO president and a senior majoring in communication.

Non-traditional students face unique challenges with scheduling, technology and classes like math, science and English, she said. The organization's goal is to help educate non-traditional students about available resources at PUC, helping them adjust to the unique challenges they experience, she added.

"We plan to have workshops and seminars, networking opportunities, social events and speakers that will address the specific needs of non-traditional students," she said.

NoTSO's current priority is to get new members. Once they begin talking with new members about their needs, the organization will be able to identify what resources will be most effective in assisting them, Prendergast said.

Meetings will give members the opportunity to share educational, social challenges and experiences with others, she said.

Debbie Blades, NoTSO vice president and a junior majoring in communications, said networking within the campus community gives students a common bond, a place where they can share resources and thoughts together, limiting their uncertainties.

"I hope it will be a place where they can share common struggles together," Blades added.

Students who feel more connected with the campus community tend to be more successful in college than students who don't experience that same connection, said Lynda Willer, NoTSO faculty adviser and associate professor from the department of communication and creative arts.

For more information

Non-traditional students interested in joining NoTSO can contact Kathy Prendergast at prendergastk1@calumet.purdue.edu. Interested students may also attend NoTSO's first meetings on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. or Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. in Anderson 248.

Improvements made for AQIP

Brian Bultema
Assistant News Editor

The Higher Learning Commission's Academic Quality Improvement Program awarded PUC a collective "thumbs up" on June 29 after seven years of continuous evaluation. AQIP cited PUC's highly involved faculty and student population on a largely commuter campus as a primary reason why PUC was fully approved.

"This process requires more than adherence to minimum standards of compliance," said Nabil Ibrahim, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "It demands comprehensive improvement in ways that benefit students, faculty, staff and, ultimately, our entire university."

The program runs on a seven-year evaluation cycle instead of a traditional 10-year cycle. AQIP also requires PUC to assess itself by submitting formal reports throughout the entire accreditation process discussing what the university is doing to reach their goals for improvement.

Beth Pellicciotti, the assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that the distinction between AQIP and other accreditation programs is AQIP's frequent feedback and reporting requirements.

Pellicciotti sees this constant self-assessment as beneficial towards all students.

"AQIP encourages institutions to understand student needs first and to shape our learning and support processes to meet these needs," said Pellicciotti. "AQIP supports institutions to find best practices in other higher education institutions and implement these best practices to benefit students, faculty and staff."

PUC's goal through the accreditation process is to improve the experience of each student, both inside and outside the classroom. Administrators on campus are interested in how to help students persist until the end of their college careers at PUC.

The improvements made in response to the first round of AQIP evaluations have changed students' experiences, according to Pellicciotti.

The addition of the experiential learning program was partially in response to the AQIP assessment to add practical experience into each student's college career. PUC plans to make experiential learning readily available to more students in the near future throughout co-ops, internships and undergraduate research programs.

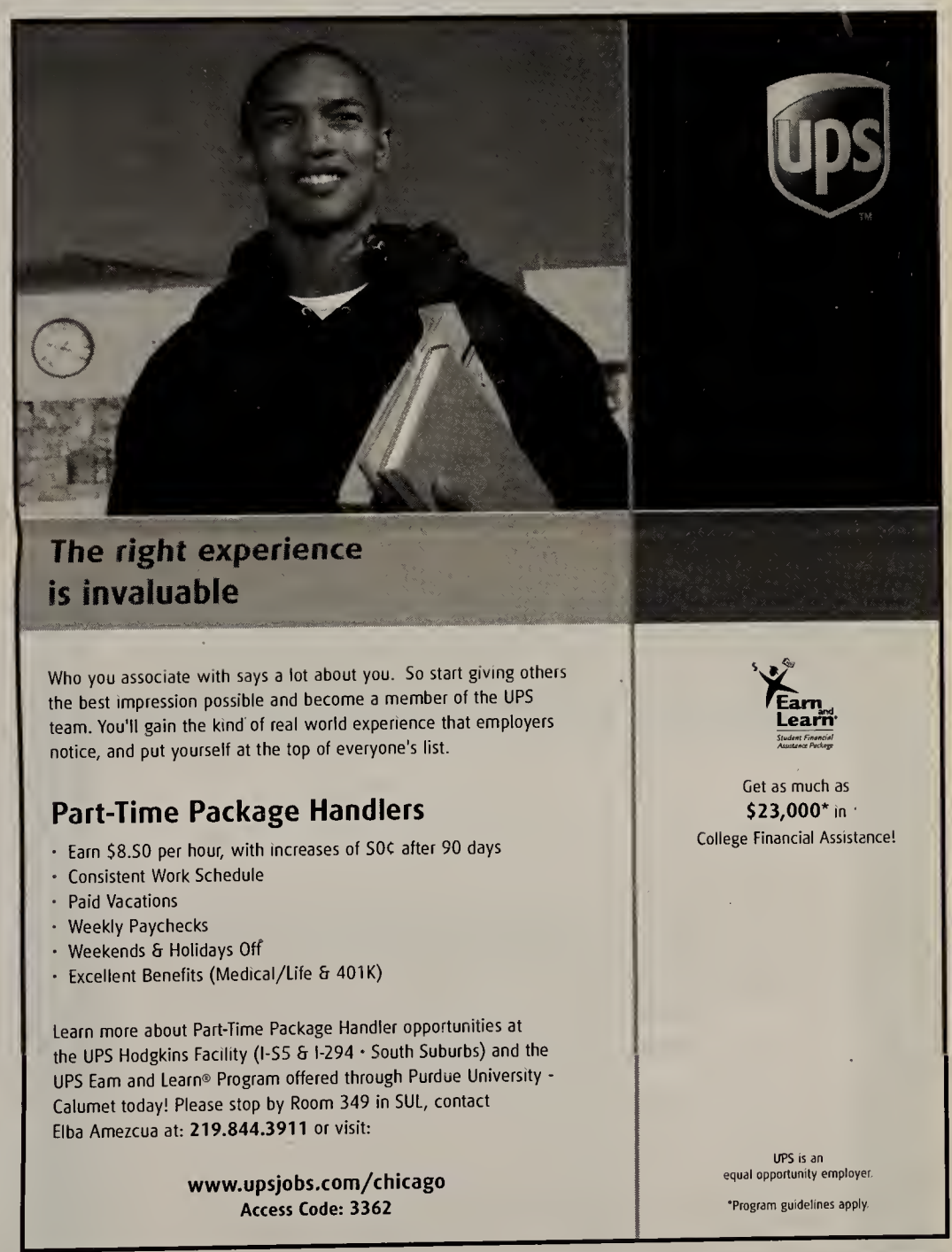
Another improvement made because of the AQIP assessment is constant monitoring of general education classes in order to improve new student experiences in those classes.

Pellicciotti said that more improvements are coming to PUC when the new seven-year cycle of AQIP assessments begins next year.

"As an AQIP institution, we continually work on a number of projects and initiatives to become a responsive and student-focused institution," said Pellicciotti.

PUC started the AQIP in 2001.

The reviewers came in early April 2007.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Where is parental control?

Linda Merrick
Managing Editor

My parents were pretty strict when I was in middle school. I wasn't allowed to hang out with school friends, unless they came over to my house.

When I was a senior in high school, my parents actually let me go out at night, but I had a curfew. Even in college they tried to tell me when to come home. Now at the age of 22, I come home when I want and my parents are fine with it.

Today's youth, on the other hand, seem to have no boundaries and stay out until the wee hours of the morning. My nephew, who is 13 going on 14, seems to go out with friends a whole lot more than I ever did. Of course my sister doesn't let him stay out all night.

Some of my nephew's friends are allowed to stay out late every day. It just baffles my mind.

The other night on my way home from The Chronicle I saw something that will probably keep me wondering for a while. While stopped at a light, a shady-looking car pulled to the side of the road. Then a girl ran in the opposite direction away from the car.

I am not sure if she came from the car or if the car just saw this girl to the side of the road and decided to bother her. The whole incident was very suspicious to me.

This girl looked pretty young, and it bothers me that she was out past midnight running across a busy street.

So I called my boyfriend and he gave me the police's phone number. I called the police and asked them to send a car over to check it out.

Every time I thought of that girl this weekend, that crazy show from MSNBC "To Catch a Predator" came to mind.

I just hope that shady-looking car wasn't a predator out to get this young girl.

I can't help but think why she was out at 12 a.m. This is way too late for someone young to be out on the streets.

Now I know my parents were overprotective of me and stricter than any of my friends' parents. But just maybe "we" should have a tighter reign on today's youth. Of course we shouldn't let that reign be too tight. We do need to give our children breathing room and some room to grow.

There are the types of kids who are rebels and never listen to their parents, but sometimes all these kids need is some discipline.

I don't think I'll ever forget that girl. I sure hope that she's OK and that the police found her and maybe took her home.

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What happened to the main lab?

The issue: Renovations in Powers Main Lab, lower level Gyte

Our opinion: Good concept, design but lacks essential space

Renovations made during the summer introduced new classrooms for CIT students where bays A and D once were in the Powers Main Lab.

These new classrooms are meant for CIT students, and not for the bustling crowd of students who utilize the lab during breaks for web research and printing. Now, there are only two bays available for general computer use.

Adding more classrooms for a department proves necessary. PUC strives to stay updated in technology and advance departmental needs. However it's a bad idea not relocating exact amount of computers that were removed to general lab area.

The computers of the former bays were "relocated" to a newly built, cafe-like computing area "open to all students, 24-7," according to Matthew Borton, a technology specialist for the CIT department.

The beginning of this fall semester, PUC welcomed the Gyte Learning Commons – a place where students can use computers in comforts of booths constructed in a modern set up.

The Commons holds about 60 computers, about 30 less than what was available in the former bays.

Where did the rest go?

Sources said they were distributed throughout campus. That leaves students searching for these new places, especially if they want to print.

Most of the computer areas located throughout campus cannot give an immediate, one-step process to print. In terms of printing in the main lab, there are now only two bays to print from.

Anyone can recall the chaos that came with printing with four bays. Imagine the chaos that will come with only two.

Making an area like the Commons was a smart move on the university's part. It's a great concept to contemporize a facility, and more essential programs for students with easy access. Yet making it a smaller area proves someone wasn't thinking too clearly.

The Commons takes up four rooms in the lower level of Gyte. If they were able to spare all these rooms, perhaps building an extra facility for an extra 30 computers may help out the predicted traffic for the area.

Students will most likely jam pack into the Commons, and this will prove as popular, even more so than the main lab.

We need are more labs distributed throughout campus. If the university can acquire funding for the renovations, there should be one lab in each building similar to the Commons.

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Generation Y theory proves true

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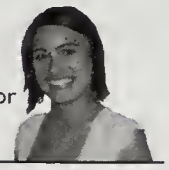

There are some major differences between the Baby Boomer Generation and Generation Y.

USATODAY journalist Stephanie Armour discussed the dividing characteristics of the workplace-clashing generations in a recent article. Generation Y includes people born between 1978 to 1989. The article talked about how this generation has a very different mind set about not only the workplace, but the way life should be lived and how time should be spent.

The article said that those from Generation Y are impatient, they see something they want and they have to have it a.s.a.p.

I took offense to this claim, but I felt in place with my generation a couple weeks ago in a very odd way.

When a restaurant chain's new commercials started popping up months ago, it took hold of my interest not only because the food looked delicious, but because of the simple, yet-funny advertising.

Sonic, the largest chain of drive-in restaurants in America, is the culprit behind those 60 second *quick-witted and clever ads. Ac*cording to sonicdrivein.com, Sonic can be found in over 3,200 locations in the U.S. and Mexico. Plus, the restaurant has carhops.

So my dismay must have been palpable when I discovered that none of those locations came within a short driving distance from my local town. The closest location is in Kokomo, 103.3 miles away.

I was flabbergasted. Why would Sonic tempt me with its humor and not be close enough to go to?

How dare they advertise and not have the goods to back it up?

In fact, the more I talk to other students the more I find I am not alone in my quest to travel the 100 and some miles in order to reach the closest Sonic to devour an order of popcorn chicken and a peach smoothie. I started considering renting a van, maybe scheduling the Peregrine Express.

This is when I sensed my generation creeping up, like sweat rolling off the Styrofoam cup container.

This is when the big important ego shattering questions starting running through my head like pop-up windows: is Generation Y really that spoiled? Do we really need everything that advertising has us buy into?

Maybe my generation is just doomed to live the life of quick-serve happiness. But I do know one thing, whenever my next pay check comes (thanks OnePurdue) watch out Kokomo - I'm on a mission and I'm still hungry.

'All My Friends Say' Luke Bryan's a hit

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Singer/songwriter Luke Bryan (left), Road Manager/guitarist Michael Carter (right) and Bryan's band took over the DC's Country Junction stage Friday night for an all-age concert.

Country star Luke Bryan rocked a full house Friday as the second artist to play at DC's Country Junction this summer.

After 15 years without holding a concert, DC's, located in Lowell, hopes to have a Nashville hit every month.

"We have a couple more groups in the mix, but no paperwork has been signed yet," said Tom Willoughby, kitchen manager and rhythm guitarist in DC's house band. "There's new interest in the club and we're trying to bring back the appeal that it used to have."

After opening in 1982, DC's has been home to what once was a zoo and rodeo, but now simply a place where people can let their inner-cowboy loose with some line-dancing fun. Sitting on bales of hay or worn picnic tables, grilling hamburgers and drinking a cold beer will make any cowboy feel at ease.

The sign above the stage that reads "Warning: Hardcore country music could cause reddening of the neck" came into play as singer/songwriter Bryan took the club by storm.

Bryan brought the barn-like atmosphere alive with songs from his current and upcoming CD, along with covers from Billy Currington, Dierks Bentley and Conway Twitty. It was an electrifying show with toe-tapping, upbeat music that kept men, women and children alike on the dance floor.

DC's rustic and country feel surprised Bryan.

"It's the whole environment. When we walked in we were like 'Hell yeah,'" he said.

Bryan knew how to work the crowd – especially the women – as he shook his butt and did line-dancing steps of his own.

Ending with his top 10 hit "All my Friends Say," Bryan left the crowd wishing for more.

Designer bags temporarily owned

Olivia Castaneda
Chronicle Correspondent

So many bags, so little time. What can a girl do?

There's finally a solution.

Bagborroworsteal.com. This easy-to-navigate website offers designer handbag rentals and much more.

Bagborroworsteal.com offers rentals of all sorts of authentic bags, from everyday wear to totes and beachwear to clutches.

The collection of handbags fall into four different categories: couture, diva, princess and trendsetter.

There is a $5 fee to become a member. Another option is to become a "guest member" free of charge, but guests pay an extra $20 - $35 rental fee.

First-time members can borrow up to three items at once during the first three months. After that, up to five items can be borrowed.

All items may be borrowed weekly, monthly or yearly, and range from roughly $40 - $175 per month with a $9.95 shipping and handling fee. There are no refunds for any monthly rentals.

Bagborroworsteal.com also offers accessory rentals in the jewelry section, such as belts, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings.

All items can be chosen from the Designers Index – a list of 100 well-known designers to choose from.

For a more narrowed search, the website offers a section called Designer Boutiques which displays a list of designers categorized by handbag boutiques or jewelry boutiques.

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Bagborrowsteal.com is currently holding a contest in search for "America's Ultimate Bagaholic" to become their new chief bag officer. Just by entering, each contestant receives 20 percent off any handbag borrowed. All entries must be submitted by Sept. 4.

Because of their privacy policy and great deals, bagborroworsteal.com is a great website to join.

If interested check out:

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Q & A with Luke Bryan

Before his concert at DC's Country Junction, Luke Bryan took some time away to speak with The Chronicle.

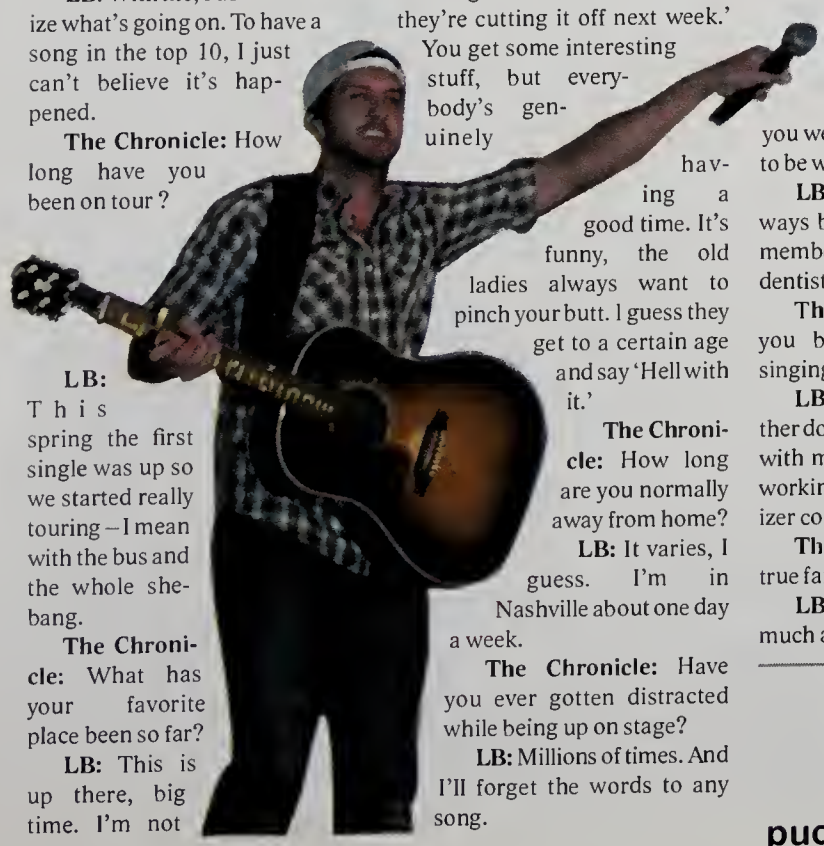
The Chronicle: How did you get into the [country music] business?

Luke Bryan: A couple months after I moved to [Nashville], I got real fortunate and started writing songs for a living.

The Chronicle: Was it everything what you expected?

LB: With me, I don't even realize what's going on. To have a song in the top 10, I just can't believe it's happened.

The Chronicle: How long have you been on tour?



LB: This spring the first single was up so we started really touring – I mean with the bus and the whole shebang.

The Chronicle: What has your favorite place been so far?

LB: This is up there, big time. I'm not just saying it because we're here or anything. I mean, when we walked in we were like 'Hell yeah.'

The Chronicle: Was it what you expected?

LB: Not at all. You never know what to expect.

The Chronicle: Have any fans done anything crazy, or anything that sticks out in your mind?

LB: You always get asked to autograph stuff and this guy in Detroit asked me to autograph the side of his arm. I signed his arm and he goes 'Oh it doesn't matter, they're cutting it off next week.' You get some interesting stuff, but everybody's genuinely having a good time. It's funny, the old ladies always want to pinch your butt. I guess they get to a certain age and say 'Hell with it.'

The Chronicle: How long are you normally away from home?

LB: It varies, I guess. I'm in Nashville about one day a week.

The Chronicle: Have you ever gotten distracted while being up on stage?

LB: Millions of times. And I'll forget the words to any song.

The Chronicle: If you had a choice of someone to do a duet with, who would it be?

LB: Probably Dolly Parton.

The Chronicle: Why Dolly Parton?

LB: Because I want her to pinch my butt. She would too, that's what's funny. I want to get a picture of it too.

The Chronicle: Who have you met that you never thought you would get to meet?

LB: I got to hang with Roy Clark one time at the [Grand Ole] Opry. I walked back and he was with Lulu off of Hee Haw.

The Chronicle: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

LB: I guess it's pretty much always been this. I can't really remember ever wanting to be a dentist or anything.

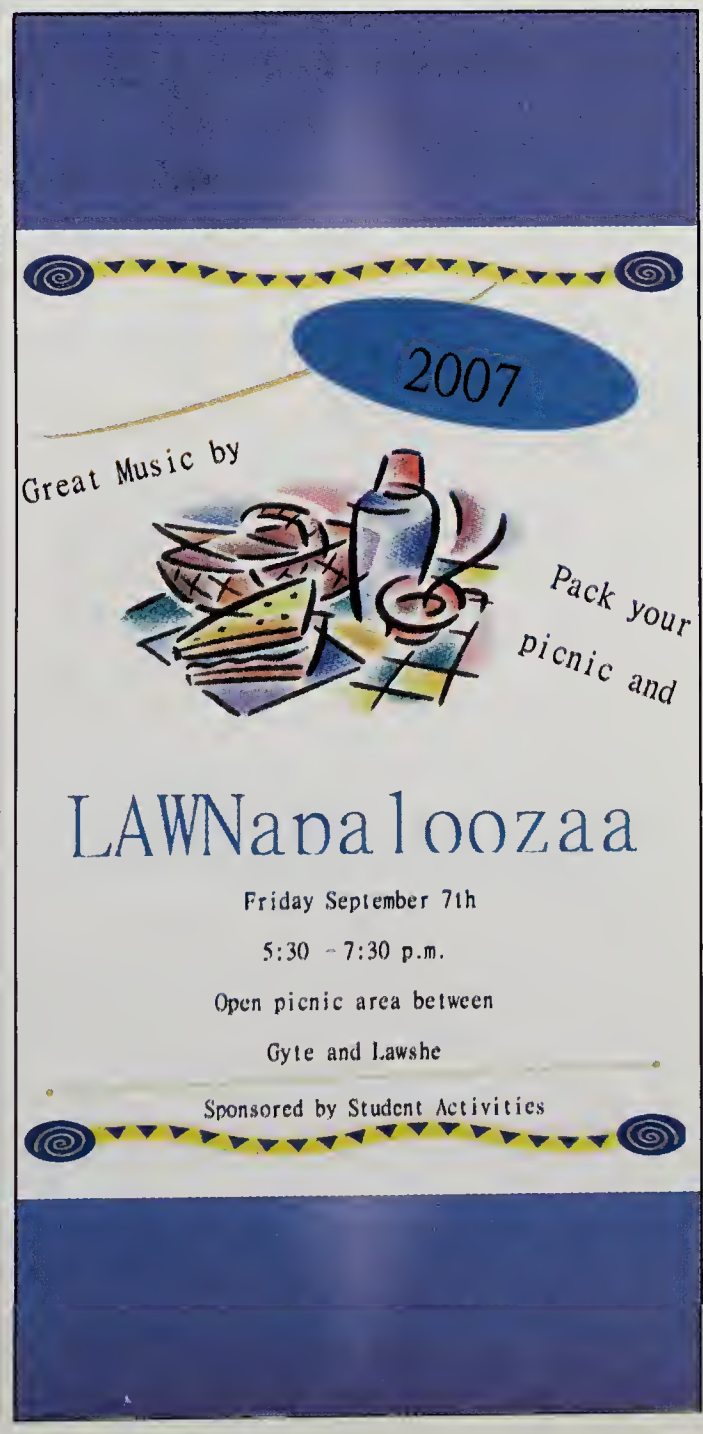
The Chronicle: What would you be doing if you weren't singing?

LB: I would be in Georgia either doing real-estate assessments with my brother-in-law or I'd be working with my dad at his fertilizer company.

The Chronicle: So you're a true farm boy then?

LB: Oh big time. I mean, as much as anyone around here.

For the full interview, check out: pucchronicle.com



Local billiards offer affordable fun

Katie Ramsey
Staff Writer

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Left: Jukebox Billiards, located on Calumet Avenue in Munster, represents a 50s motif with pictures of diners and movie stars on the walls.
Right: Zak's Crazy Eights, off of U.S. 41 in Schererville, has a laid back atmosphere and offers more than just billiards.

Looking for something to do but strapped for cash? How about a game of billiards? There happens to be two local spots to check out.

Zak's Crazy Eights is located off of U.S. 41 in Schererville and Jukebox Billiards is on Calumet Avenue in Munster.

The dark-blue paint covered on the walls of Zak's gives the place a laid back atmosphere, and the patchwork-carpeted floor helps muffle the noise and catch ash from forgotten cigarettes.

Zak's offers more than just shooting colored balls around on a table – other amusements include a jukebox, darts, arcade games, mini bowling and Star Wars pinball.

Food and drinks are available including Frappuccino's, water, tea, Pepsi products and Gatorade. All are under $2. Not a bad deal considering a Frappuccino at the store is at least that much.

Munchies such as corn dogs, pizza and nachos with peppers are also available to satisfy cravings.

It doesn't stop there. Pool and dart accessories are for sale behind the counter. Metroline cases for pool sticks run $30, and help guides and trick shot videos are for sale as well as poker tables.

Zak's also offers a pool table recovering services and cue repairs.

A visit to Zak's could have been more pleasant if it was a non-smoking facility.

There was a repugnant odor of stale cigarettes easily mistaken for the smell of a urinal, and at night the place is a cloud of carcinogens. Not to mention the frightening bathrooms.

One of Zak's main competitions is Jukebox Billiards.

Inside, the style is a '50s motif with pictures of old diners and movie stars on the walls. The cinnamon-colored walls provide a fun atmosphere.

Jukebox offers more than just billiards as well. There are pinball machines, dart boards, a bar game system and of course a jukebox.

A television with a Playstation 2 is hooked up behind the counter.

Pizza, Hot Pockets, Famous Amos cookies and assorted candy is available, along with a popcorn machine that doesn't work. Beverages include cappuccinos, pop, Full Throttle and Red Bull.

Other items for sale range from shooting gloves for $12.95 to sue cubes for $7.95.

Jukebox offers services that include recovering and moving pool tables. New and used pool tables are for sale as well.

The bathrooms aren't any better thank Zak's and have a lot of holes are in the walls. At least the place doesn't reek of a dirty facility.

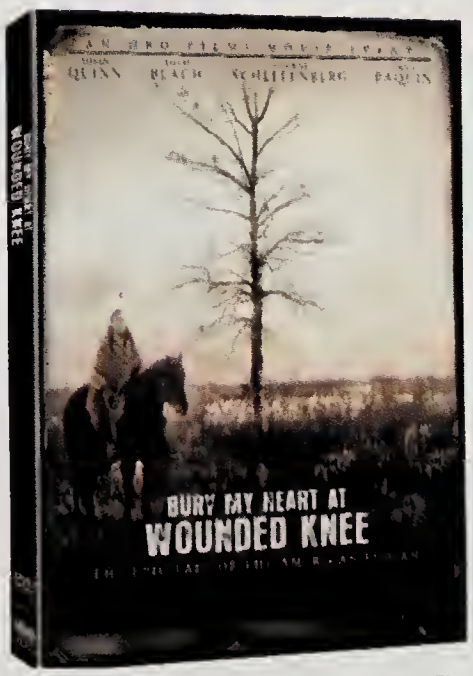
Jukebox Billiards has a better atmosphere yet slightly higher prices.

Zak's Crazy Eights
One player - $6 an hour
Two or more - $9 an hour
Cash only

Jukebox Billiards
*One player - $5 an hour
One to six players - $9.80 a day
*Before 6 p.m.

'Wounded Knee' has wounded hearts, souls and dignities

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer



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"Bury Me at Wounded Knee" received 17 Emmy nominations and depicts a critical time in our nations history.

Two thoughts come to mind when a film is nominated for 17 Emmy's - it's either really good or really over-hyped.

HBO Film's "Bury Me at Wounded Knee" falls in between the two. It's not the best movie nor is it over-hyped. In fact, it deserves awards for being truthful and honest in dealing with the content it presents.

"Wounded Knee" gives the tragic details of the trials and tribulations of Indians and their battle to save their lifestyle in a world becoming unfamiliar.

The story focuses on four individuals whose actions were important during the sad time in our nation's history.

Charles (Adam Beach) was raised as a Sioux Indian until his father took him away from everything he knew. He was then brought up in a world that would not accept him until he conformed to their standards, forcing him to lose his braids and take a Christian name to speak in class.

Later in life, Charles meets Henry Dawes (Aidan Quinn), a senator involved in dividing up land for the Indians. Although the two look like they can do good, Charles realizes he is being used as a game piece where more than simple winning and losing are at stake.

Elaine (Anna Paquin) befriends Charles and understands him on more than one level, and the two attempt to help Indians who have fallen on hard times.

Sitting Bull (August Schellenberg) is faced with the harsh reality that his days of running the tribe the way he wants are slowly coming to an end. He notices his way of life is no longer accepted in the narrow-minded world; the needs of his tribe are now met in an assembly line fashion - blankets over here, pants over there.

Land, pride and tradition are all on the line.

History lovers will enjoy watching this historical event, and casual movie viewers will be in for a treat with the quality of the film and the emotions it brings about.

The squeamish be warned. A scalping scene and a field of corpses take place within the first ten minutes, with other violent scenes throughout the film.

Director Yves Simoneua, costume designer Mario Davignon and George S. Clinton's music choice do an excellent job making costumes, actors and everything in between appear genuine instead of looking like what it truly is – a historic film made with today's technology.

The two-disc version of the DVD has bonus features, from cast and crew interviews to photo gallery for learning more about Indians.

"Bury Me at Wounded Knee" is rated TV-14 and will be available Sept. 11.

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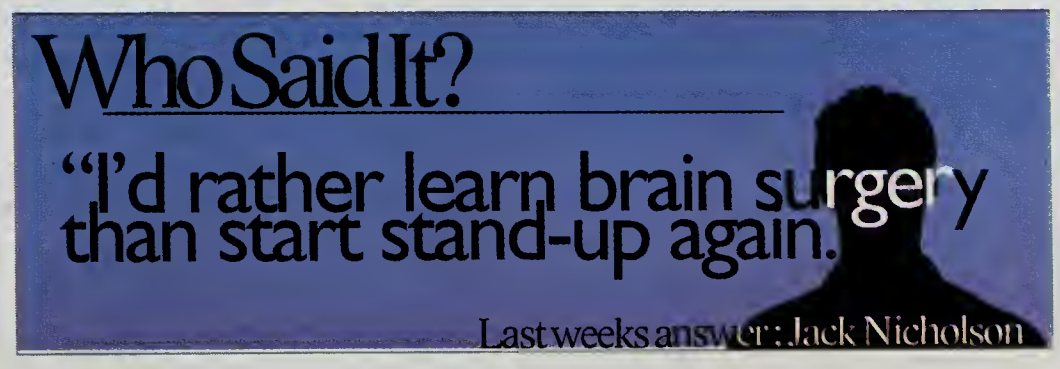


Woodhollow has a new look

Jon Glueckert
Chronicle Correspondent

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

After moving across the street to Jalapenos, Woodhollow's bar is not as big as its former locations. Yet crowds still stretched out the door and partied into the wee hours of the morning Friday after opening two weeks ago.

Over the last three weeks the owners of Woodhollow bought Jalapenos, left their old establishment and moved across the street bringing forth the birth of a new establishment.

Woodhollow moved to its new location on Indianapolis Blvd. and revised its look after opening at Jalapenos in mid August. Jalapenos, a restaurant/bar specializing in fine Spanish cuisine, cleared and transformed into a dance floor after normal business hours.

During the day the restaurant is considered Jalapenos. At 10:30 p.m. food is no longer served and is then considered Woodhollow.

Crowds of diverse people stretched out the door, and patrons were dressed to kill, partying into the wee hours of the night.

The new bar location is not as big as the former.

The former was a bi-level facility with a rectangular ground-floor bar that sold any type of beverage from soda to beer.

The new Woodhollow has kiosks that sell bottled beverages, but special mixed drinks must be purchased at the bar.

The opening weekend revealed a lack of patrons at the bar, however, full-time bartenders at Jalapenos/Woodhollow agreed that opening night was intense.

The atmosphere of the former club was rustic and outdoorsy - which seemed to contradict the rave-like feel of the drum and bass that blared over the sound system.

The only negative aspect was the $5 cover charge and the proper attire policy – no tennis shoes and t-shirts.

Friday and Saturday nights at Woodhollow, when located at Omni, was a premier nightclub where dancing was commonplace and DJ's pumped today's hippest dance and house music at shattering decibels.

It was a perfect place to burn off those unwanted weekly calories, dancing all night long.

The original was characterized by fast-paced bartending and a wide assortment of dance floor lighting.

Woodhollow has new plans for the future. With no $5 cover, the bar is looking for bands to play on Thursday nights.

Woodhollow is open weekdays 10:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. and weekends until roughly 3 a.m. depending on the crowd.

Take a walk down 'Crooked Little Vein'

Warren Ellis' new graphic novel deliciously disturbing and will offend many, but satisfy the rest

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Member

Warren Ellis' "Crooked Little Vein" is a warped little walk in the shoes of private Dick Michael McGill, a man for whom without bad luck he'd know no luck at all.

Twisted tales are no stretch for Ellis – known by most for his work on graphic novels "Transmetropolitan," "Planetary" and "Nextwave." His newest comic book, "Doktor Sleepless" (published by Avatar Press) is a science fiction story of a discontented future. In his first novel, Ellis proves that his crazy creations only get better as they get longer.

"Crooked Little Vein" is deliciously disturbing all the way through. Ellis wastes no time with pleasantries before greeting the detective with a visit from the chief of staff – a heroin-addicted man with a mission to find the political Holy Grail.

According to the chief of staff, there is an alternate Constitution – a presidential book of secrets that forces those nearby to read the text and obey the message. This book, which he claims can restore America's morality, is missing. If McGill can find and return the book he'll receive a payment beyond his wildest dreams. In the meantime, he has the chief of staff looking over his shoulder.

Finding a book sounds easy – even a rare antique shouldn't be too hard to find when you have leads.

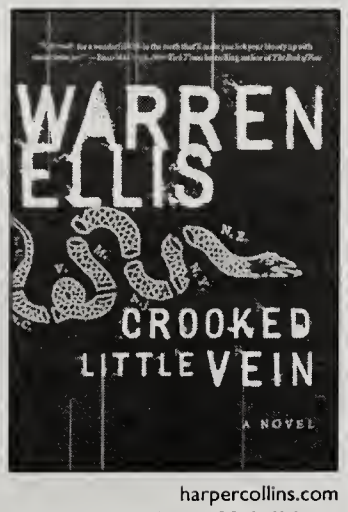
But this is no ordinary book.

McGill suddenly finds himself in a world of underground depravity that make even his strangest days past look like Disney films.

First, he finds a link to a branch of the porn industry involving large lizard (Godzilla-type creature) enthusiasts. There he meets Trix – who is not actually a large lizard enthusiast, but a student writing her thesis on extreme self-inflicted human experiences – a sexy and lustful young woman who agrees to work as McGill's assistant while he looks for the book.

Things just get weirder from there. During whirlwind travels that begin with a group of men who enjoy injecting salt water into their nether-regions, and then a beef and bull soaked trip through Texas, McGill and Trix discover they've only reached the tip of the conspiracy theory iceberg.

Ellis jabs at American politics – not with a knife but a broad sword – cutting social commentary without losing the wit, intrigue and shock soaked through the heart of the novel.



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"Crooked Little Vein" is a must read for those not easily offended.

Not for general consumption, "Crooked Little Vein," will offend many and cause projectile vomiting in the faint of heart (and right-wing conservatives).

But for those who want to join Ellis on this perilous journey, the reward is great.

JESS SAYS

Check out the local pubs

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

I recently turned 21. To celebrate my best friend took me to the bars.

I learned three things that night.

The first is that local hole-in-the-wall pubs aren't nearly as bad as most people think. The second, the lyrics "Been making bars lots of money and helping white people dance" from Brad Paisley's hit country song "Alcohol" have some genuine truth to them and finally, what happens at the bar stays at the bar.

But, I'm going to share my story with you anyway.

The night started with big anticipation to visit Woodhollow, but when we found that it didn't open until later we decided to join some friends back at the local pub.

I first thought I would be spending the evening with a bunch of 40-year-old townies still wearing their high school letterman jackets trying to relive their glory days.

To my surprise the doors opened to reveal a three floor building with young adults – most of whom I went to school with – dancing and having a good time.

It made me laugh though. Once they got a few beers in them, even the most "manly" of men just wanted to get up and dance including some 6'5" former football players with no coordination.

Who would have thought?

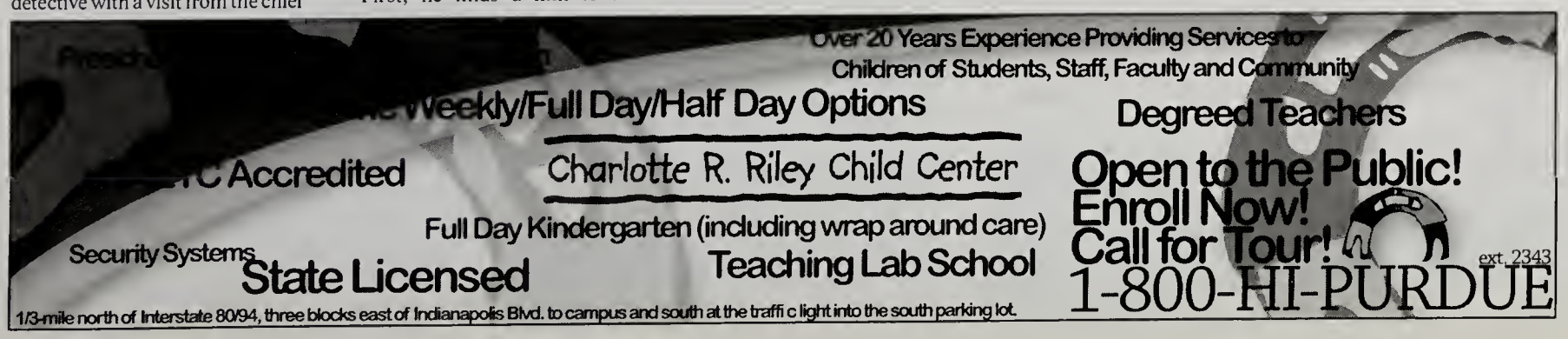
Of course the bar had the traditional "sad drunk" who easily spilled his guts to me; the "promiscuous drunk" – who I watched kiss a handful of random men; and the former football player dancing to Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

I had multiple beers spilled on me, received a shoulder massage from someone whom I didn't want to touch me and took many pictures that most people would consider good blackmail.

Overall, it was a good birthday.

My advice is to try out the little hole-in-the-wall pub in your area instead of going to the bars that collect a cover-charge.

You can have just as good of a time locally, and run into some familiar faces along the way.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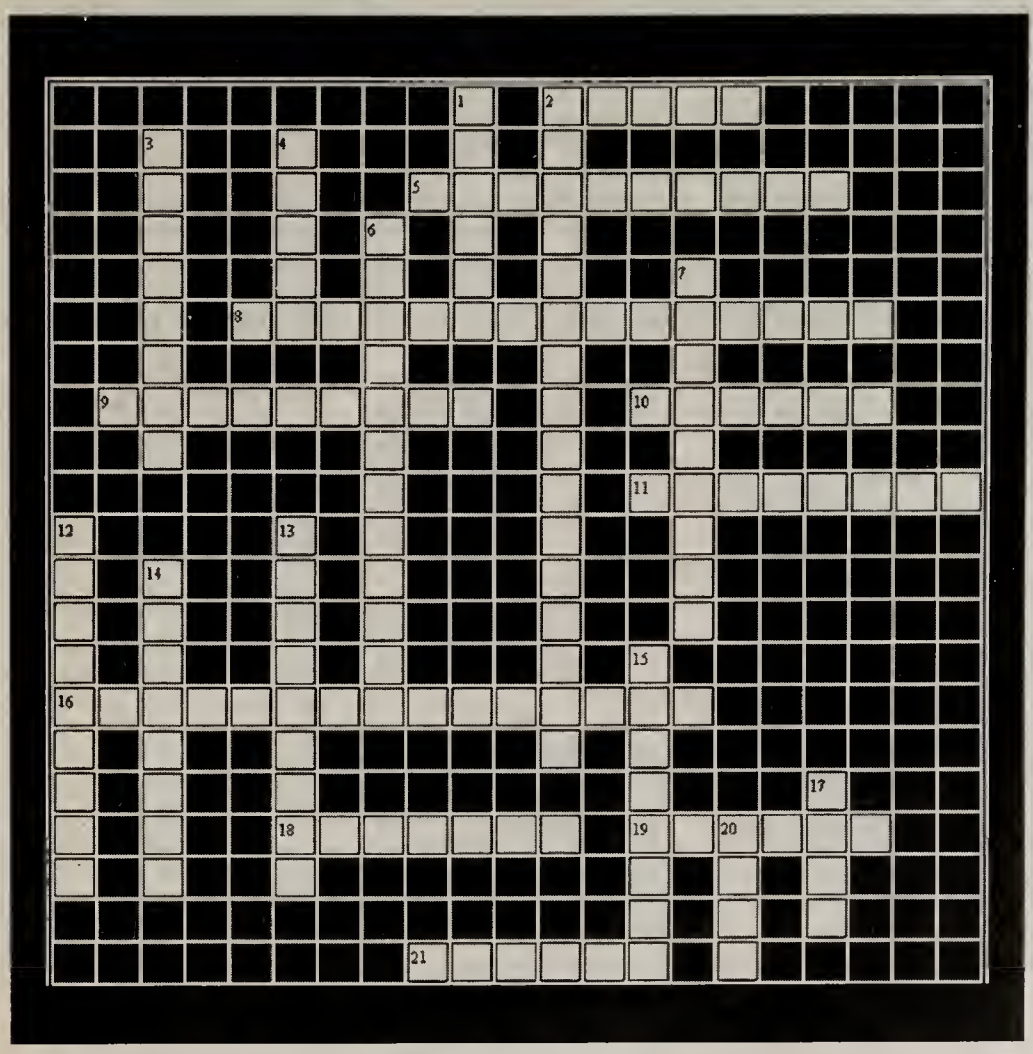

Candy Bars

Across

2. One less than six
5. An outrageous acorn
8. What do you call this candy bar?
9. Acronym for "slow-fix"
10. Has 14 vitamins and minerals
11. Started in 1909 in Pennsylvania
16. A thousand Benjamins
18. Book by Mike Newall
19. Number one seller in the U.K.
21. Originally part of the Peter Paul Manufacturing Company

Down

1. Makes this sound when you step on a bug
2. Athos, Porthos, and Aramis
3. The home of our solar system
4. Toffee-filled candy bar made in 1914
6. Bart's favorite candy bar
7. Captain of Team USA basketball
12. That's a good bar, Mister
13. Originally called a Konabar
14. Famous baseball player
15. "Why wait?"
17. Hit TV-show Veronica ...
20. "Need a moment?"

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81°/63°

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Sudoku

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*sodoku may have more than one solution

Go to www.pucchronicle.com for the answers to both the cross word puzzle and Sudoku.

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University - Village 3:37 p.m.
Violation of student code
Referred to Dean of Students

8/08/07
Powers - 7:30 p.m.
Criminal mischief
Closed pending further investigation

8/08/07
Parking Lot 9 - 12:00 p.m.
Criminal mischief
Under investigation

8/15/07
Gyte - 12:03 p.m.
Violation of Purdue policy
Closed pending further investigation

8/16/07
SULB - 2:35 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

8/20/07
SULB - 8:30 a.m.
Theft
Under investigation

8/27/07
University Village - 10:00 a.m.
Lost or stolen item
Closed pending further investigation

8/28/07
Brock Warehouse -12:00 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

8/31/07
The Center - 12:15 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

Look towards the future

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

As a die-hard White Sox fan and a true baseball fan, it's hard not to be absolutely disgusted with the Sox this year. Their losing ways this season seem like watching re-runs over and over. There's not much explanation for the way this team has performed this season.

Coming into the season they had one of the best offenses in the American League and a rotation capable of winning 70 games combined. They will be lucky to combine for 50 wins. The bullpen has been one of the biggest disappointments this year.

They haven't been able to hold a lead to save their lives. It's sad when Bobby Jenks comes in when the team is down by five, just to get work in. The majority of the bullpen was sent to the minor leagues midway through the season. Big left-hander Andrew Sisco and right-hander David Aardsma, didn't work out as planned and are spending their days in the minors.

Mark Buehrle's no-hitter has been one of the only bright spots of the season. Rookie third baseman Josh Field's turned some heads with his power and poise at the major league level. His defense at third is a bit spotty, but he'll be in left field next year with the expected return of Joe Crede.

The White Sox have some major holes to fill in their lineup. The middle infield will be in question next season with a rookie second-baseman Danny Richar who has not proven worthy of a roster spot next year.

Juan Uribe better not return to the team next year. He is one of the laziest players I have ever seen. He has been hitting in the low .200's all season and has shown lazy defense throughout the year. There is no place for Uribe on this team next year. The Sox better find a trade or some free agent to fill shortstop because Uribe is wasting money. With the exception of right-fielder Jermaine Dye, new players will occupy the rest of the outfield.

The Sox may be bad for a couple years. It's been hard to come to this realization as a fan, but it's a reality. The Sox should still have three major players in the rotation next year, Buehrle, Jon Garland and Javier Vasquez. Rookie John Danks still needs to prove a lot at the major league level. He has been inconsistent, but has great talent to have success.

This team's hope was lost the second pitch of opening day when Indians center fielder Grady Sizemore launched a home run of Sox started Jose Contreras. The only thing to look forward to is Jim Thome's shot at hitting his 500th career home run. All the Sox can hope for is to finish above the dismal Kansas City Royals.

Fantasy sports made easy

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

ProTrade.com takes fantasy sports to another level with its Wall Street features.

ProTrade.com is a place to buy and sell team shares of your favorite teams, like stocks. The best part of all is that it's free. Pro Trade makes its money from selling advertisements and selling their content. Different from the major fantasy companies, Pro Trade works like an open market, meaning no pre-season draft, traders can buy or sell throughout a given season – which can last as short as a week or as long as a season.

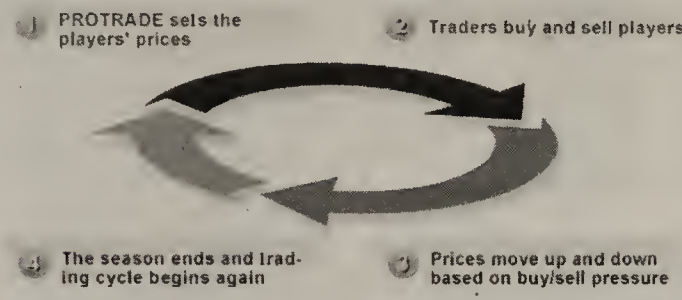
The two founders, former sports agent Mike Kerns and Jeff Ma wanted to create a fantasy sports game reflecting the reality of team competition rather than a normal fantasy game.

"I was tired of all the sports media companies reporting news and telling us what we should know," said Kerns. "I wanted to create a great experience for sports fans."

The company is based out of San Mateo, California, and was founded in 2004.

Pro Trade offers seven different sports to get involved with including, MLB, NFL, NBA, Golf, NCCA, NCCAB and Nascar.

Each player is given $5,000 Pro Trade Dollars (fake money) to start trading. Once money is acquired, you grow your portfolio and the market works in four easy steps.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2 Traders buy and sell players
3 Prices move up and down based on buy/sell pressure
4 The season ends and trading cycle begins again

Pro Trade sets the prices. The prices are set upon the fantasy projections for the upcoming season. For example if the Cubs are projected to earn 130 fantasy points during the season, then the price will be set at $130.

Traders will buy teams based upon their thoughts of the value of a team. If a trader believes a team is undervalued and thinks they will earn more, the trader can buy shares of the team.

Prices move up and down based on the team's performance. The more a team is bought, the more the price goes up and the more a team is sold, the more the price will go down.

The season ends with earning days. Once the season is over Pro Trade sets the price equal to the number of fantasy points.

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"Most Pro Trade players play in traditional fantasy," said Kerns. "Pro Trade is more of a macro community as to where traditional fantasy is more micro community. You can own different players like Jeff Gordon and Barry Bonds in your portfolio; traditional fantasy is usually only one sport."

The most rewarding part of Pro Trade is the free rewards. Normal rewards consist of sports memorabilia, electronics, games, gift certificates and more. Special prizes are sometimes won, like trips to meet favorite sports celebrities. Sports celebrities who have been involved in rewards have been Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee and Hall of Fame former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman.

Pro Trade is fun, free and easy.

"The vision is really to continue to grow the market into something where sports fan can have an impact," said Kerns.

For more information on how to get involved with Pro Trade visit www.protrade.com

Hoopin' in the gym

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Demarko Snow, a freshman in fitness management, takes advantage of his gym membership and plays basketball with his friends in the gym. Memberships only cost $20.

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NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE OR SO

Harrah's has announced that it intends to build an arena in Las Vegas capable of housing an NBA team. Tim Donaghy has already volunteered to referee all 41 home games.

The Houston Rockets have made a contract offer to defensive specialist Dikembe Mutombo. The offer is for one year or six points, whichever comes first.

Maverick's owner Mark Cuban will be a cast member on "Dancing With the Stars." We're not sure how he'll be able to stay on his feet while they're constantly in his mouth.

A judge has set bond at $5 million each for the two men accused of robbing Antoine Walker's home. Ironically, that's almost as much money as Walker stole from the Heat last season.

Barry Bonds was honored in San Francisco when the mayor presented him with the key to the city. Given Bonds' popularity, we're surprised he didn't just leave the key under the mat. Next up is a visit to the Wizard to finally get a heart.

After being cut by the Padres, David Wells has joined the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers are looking forward to increased sales of Dodger Dogs. However, fans are complaining about the loss of a handicapped parking spot.

And Gary Sheffield will miss several games with a sore shoulder. Sheffield has already come out against the shoulder for being racist.

-Written by Steve Hofstetter, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart and Chris Strait

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One small step for man

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

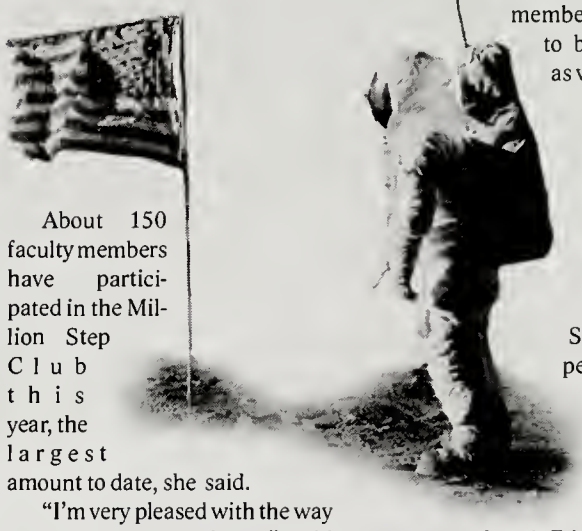
Many PUC faculty members looking to stay active in recent months have been taking part in a special program designed to help keep them physically active.

The Million Step Club, which is in its fourth year, began in May and will continue until Oct. 15. During that time period, all participants are encouraged to get out and walk to reach the one million step goal.

"It takes about five months (averaging 50,000 steps a week for 20 weeks) to reach one million steps," said Wellness Center Coordinator Martha Lowry. " One million steps would be equal to 500 miles.

"In designing this program, we mainly wanted to encourage all of the participants to get up and be active during the summer months. They all should try to achieve better health and develop a more active lifestyle."

All participants have been keeping track of all the steps they take on their own, using a pedometer. They all were given progress charts at the beginning of the program.



About 150 faculty members have participated in the Million Step Club this year, the largest amount to date, she said.

"I'm very pleased with the way the program turned out," said Lowry. "There were only about 50 participants the first year. We increased to 80 the last two years and now we are at the total (150) we have now."

Lowry credits the large turnout this year to the fact that the program allowed faculty members spouses to be involved as well.

"It turned out to be something very nice for the couples to do," she said.

Seventeen people have already finished the program. One of them is Edward Mamrila, the general manager of the Center, who said he really enjoyed the program and would like to see other ones similar to this one in the future.

"My wife and I are actually still taking part in the program," said Mamrila. "I think clubs like this are really good, they are all very valuable. They make you aware of what you are doing and it helps keep you healthy."

All participants who achieve one million steps have received or will be receiving a long-sleeved t-shirt. Participants who achieve 800 steps will receive credit for a Healthy Purdue 2007 "Program."

A new one will be starting up in the forthcoming weeks, for any students looking to participate in a walking club.

Peregrine Loops will begin on Sept. 15 and will be available for all fitness club members to participate in.

Walking fun facts

* It takes about five months (averaging 50,000 steps a week for 20 weeks) to reach 1 million steps

* Research shows that if you are physically active for six months or more, you're likely to stick with it

* Walking an extra 20 minutes a day will burn off seven pounds of body fat a year

* On average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5 to two minutes

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Pro Sports Notebooks

Boston Red Sox 23 -year-old rookie Clay Buchholz pitched a no-hitter last Saturday against the Baltimore Orioles in only his second career start. He is the 21st rookie to throw a no-hitter and the 17th in Red Sox history. Buchholz joins Mark Buehrle of the White Sox and Justin Verlander of the Tigers among the pitchers to throw no-hitters this year.

Padres pitcher Jake Peavy lowered his league leading ERA to 2.10 this past weekend. Peavy has his team in the hunt for October and himself as one of the front-runners for the National League CY Young winner.

The recent red-hot Seattle Mariners have since cooled down. As of Saturday Seattle found themselves trailing the New York Yankees by two games in the wild card race.

The storybook season for St. Louis Cardinal outfielder Rick Ankiel continued as he hit a go-ahead grand slam Friday, propelling another Cardinal win. Ankiel has gone deep five times and has helped the Cardinals get back in the NL Central race.

Patriots safety and Marian Catholic High School alum Rodney Harrison has been suspended for the first four games of the season. Harrison was suspended for using a banned substance. The Patriots will miss Harrison, as he is a big part of the defense.

The Jacksonville Jaguars cut quarterback Byron Leftwich. Leftwich had injury problems and lost the starting job to David Garrard. Leftwich is a former first-round draft pick out of Marshall. Leftwich should have no problem finding work since he is still a very talented quarterback.

The Washington Redskins signed tight end Chris Cooley to a six-year extension. Cooley is a key part in the Redskin offense and has proven himself over the years.

Heisman winner Troy Smith made the Baltimore Ravens final roster as a third string quarterback. Smith is a long way away from seeing any playing time.

In perhaps the biggest upset in college football history, Appalachian State stunned #5 ranked Michigan 34-32. Michigan's potential game winning field goal was blocked to secure the win for Appalachian State. This is the first time a Division I-AA team has ever beaten a ranked team in the Associated Press poll between 1989 and 2006.

Virginia Tech won their first game of the season on an emotional day. The game featured pre-game ceremonies remembering those lost on April 16. The ceremonies featured a tribute and a moment of silence. The Hokies did not disappoint beating East Carolina.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow had an impressive start to his season. Tebow threw for 300 yards, threw for three touchdowns and ran for one touchdown. Florida steamrolled Western Kentucky 49-3.

Notre Dame looks like they will have a long season ahead of them. They were crushed by Georgia Tech 33-3. With no sure quarterback, the Irish have some major problems.

The USA men's basketball team clinched an Olympic berth on Saturday with a win over Puerto Rico.

Magic guard Jameer Nelson's father was found dead in the Delaware River this past weekend. Nelson's father had been missing since last Thursday.

Yi Jianlian finally signed a contract with the Milwaukee Bucks. Yi was the sixth pick in the 2007 NBA draft. Yi considered not playing in Milwaukee, due to the lack of exposure in small market city Milwaukee.

The Purdue University Calumet **Criminal Justice Club** is having its first general meeting of the semester this **Thursday** (9/6)

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Michigan and Wisconsin head Big Ten

Ryan Metz
Assistant Sports Editor

College football is back.

A four-headed monster will lead this season to the Big Ten. Wisconsin, Michigan, Penn State and Ohio State each have hopes of playing in New Orleans, where the Bowl Championship Series National Championship will be hosted.

"There are three things I haven't done," said Michigan senior running back Mike Hart to Sports Illustrated. "I want to graduate, I want to beat Ohio State and I want to win a national championship."

Offense should not be an issue at Michigan this year since they are absolutely loaded. The 5'9", 196-pound Hart is a serious Heisman hopeful who has 750 career carries at Michigan while only fumbling three times. They return senior quarterback Chad Henne who has three years of experience under center.

The best wide receiver in the Big Ten is Mario Manningham who has breakout speed and led Michigan in receiving with 703 receiving yards and nine receiving touchdowns – despite missing three games with a knee injury.

Big Ten offensive lineman of the year, Jake Long, was a sure fire – first round pick in the NFL draft but returned to Ann Arbor and slimmed down to 313-pounds while sitting on his 6'7" frame.

Bret Bielema is in his second-year as coach of the Wisconsin Badgers. He quietly led them to a 12-1 season last year and has sophomore running back P.J. Hill who led the Big Ten in rushing.

Hill is a stout bowling ball, running back who has drawn comparisons to former Wisconsin star Ron Dayne. Hill and a very talented defense will try to win their first Big Ten title since 1999.

The 80-year-old Joe Paterno was asked about how he feels coming back to coach his record 42nd year at Happy Valley.

"What's noteworthy about it? That I'm dumb enough that I have no other interest except I want to coach?" said Paterno to USA Today.

Penn State, known as Linebacker U because of the frequency of churning out top level linebackers to the NFL, will have another gem this year in Dan Connor. On offense, they will try to put the ball in the hands of talented junior wide receivers Derrick Williams and Deon Butler.

The Ohio State Buckeyes will try to regain the swagger they lost after the 41-14 thrashing they took from the Florida Gators in the national championship last year.

The Buckeyes lost a lot of talent on offense, Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith at quarterback, receivers Ted Ginn Jr. and Anthony Gonzalez, but don't give them too much sympathy. They do not have rebuilding years in Columbus, but simply reload with a wealth of talent. The stars on the team this year will be running backs Chris Wells, Maurice Wells and linebacker James Laurinaitis.

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University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin are the two favorites in the Big Ten Conference. Despite Michigan's opening day loss, the Wolverines still are very much alive in the Big Ten. Michigan and Wisconsin meet on Nov. 10 at Wisconsin. The game can ultimately decide the winner of the Big Ten.

In the middle of the pack in the Big Ten will be Iowa, Purdue and Illinois.

Purdue's head coach Joe Tiller should try to improve his team that finished with an 8-6 record. In his 10 seasons at West Lafayette, it was Tiller's first season without an appearance in a bowl game. Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter will show off his strong arm and try to put his name in the list of recent Purdue quarterback elites, such as New Orleans Saints Drew Brees and Chicago Bears third stringer Kyle Orton.

Illinois will be led by exciting sophomore quarterback Juice Williams and the impressive recruits head coach Ron Zook brought to Champaign, including hotshot freshman Arrelious Benn from Washington, D.C.

The bottom of the Big Ten standings will be Michigan State, Indiana, Northwestern and Minnesota.

The Hoosiers will play this season with heavy hearts as head coach Terry Hoeppner passed away in the off-season after a long battle with brain cancer. Indiana's James Hardy is a super-sized (6'7", 220 pounds) pass-catcher who led the Big Ten with 10 touchdown receptions. This superb athlete from Fort Wayne actually played for the Hoosiers' basketball team in 2004-05, starting three games and will bring his talents to the NFL in the near future.

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Funk steps down

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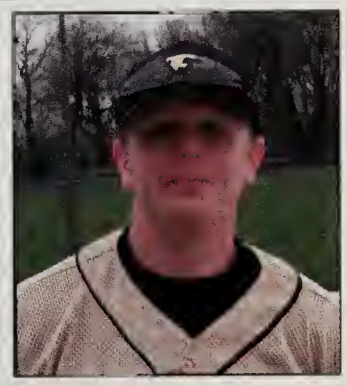

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Club baseball head coach David Funk resigned Aug. 30.

PUC club baseball head coach David Funk stepped down from the head coaching position as of Aug. 30. Funk took a job as an assistant coach at Calumet College of St. Joseph.

In Funk's first and only year as head coach, the team was winless in their first season. The university is taking the club approach for the team and has no plans to add varsity baseball until they have a facility, according to Funk. To Funk's understanding, there are no plans to make it happen anytime soon.

Jon Nourie, who was an assistant coach on the team last year, volunteered to take over the head coaching position.

"I knew this was kind of going to happen," said Nourie. " When it did, I felt that since I was already a coach, things this year would run smoothly."

Nourie only has one year of coaching experience, but years of baseball experience. He played baseball at Western Michigan University, South Suburban College and Missouri State. Nourie also played for two years for the San Diego Padres minor league system.

Prior to the change in coaches, the team held open try-outs in the previous weeks. Every player who tried out was taken on the team and the roster is at about 27 players.

With only about five returning players, Nourie believes this team will be better than last year.

"We have more experienced players this year," said Nourie. "Most of the guys we took [in try-outs] have at least high school baseball experience."

Before Funk stepped down as coach, the team planned to play a fall schedule. The fall games will still be played and will start in mid September.

"It was decided before Dave left that the fall schedule would still be kept," said Nourie.

The schedule is set for 14 games and the team will play a few home games at IUN.

Nourie believes the fall schedule will be an advantage for the team, better preparing them for the spring.

"Going from the fall to spring will be a better transition since it won't be so long in between playing," said Nourie.